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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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KENTARO MATSUMOTO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Application No.: 10/662,362	)	
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Filed: September 16, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE EDITING METHOD,	)	
IMAGE EDITING	:	
APPARATUS, PROGRAM	)	
FOR IMPLEMENTING	:	
IMAGE EDITING METHOD,	)	
AND RECORDING MEDIUM	:	
RECORDING PROGRAM	)	October 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

JP 11-341272  
JP 2000-83222  
JP 2000-217024

The above-listed documents were cited in the specification at page 2, and are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. An English-language abstract for each of these documents is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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